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America's Best Marksman.

Sergt. Emmett Hawkins Wins First Honors at Sea Girt.

He Breaks the Army Record at Fort Sheridan by a Record Skirmish Run, Making One Hundred Out of a Possible Hundred—A Biographical Sketch of the Champion Shot of the World.

Score another victory for the race and add one more star to his banner of great achievements. The Negro has won first place as brave and patriotic soldiers in American history. He has held the championship in pugilistic and athletic circles, and he has won scholarships and prizes in oratory too numerous to mention. Peter Jackson, George Dixon, Joe Gans are acknowledged kings in the prize ring. Major Taylor, the record breaker and prince of wheelmen. Roscoe Bruce, Pickens and other giants in college oratory, and now comes Sergt. Emmett Hawkins, who breaks the world's record in marksmanship—rifle shooting—by beating all record in a skirmish run army contest at Fort Sheridan, Ill., August 17, 1903, making a perfect record of one hundred out of a possible one hundred, and thence at Sea Girt, N. J., where on September 11, in a contest with one hundred, fifty-six of the best rifle shots in America, he won first prize. The trophy was a \$5,000 medal, which is a valued treasure in the War Department, and which was won last year by Sergt. Hawkins. His record exceeds that of any American rifleman in the army or out of it. It was Mr. Hawkins who won this valuable Sea Girt prize last year, and placed it in the War Department—winning this year makes the second time he has won it. If this great marksman wins it the third time it will become his individual property.

Sergt. Hawkins spent a few weeks in this city, and called on President Roosevelt, who gave him an audience of considerable length, and who remembered the Sergeant as one of the sharp shooters at San Juan Hill, Cuba, who put the Spanish sharp shooters to flight by picking one of their number from a tall cocoanut tree some six hundred yards distant.

Men of the Hour.



AMERICA'S BEST RIFLE SHOT.

Sergt. Emmet Hawkins, Co. K. 24th Infantry, Ft. Missoula, Montana.

The Associated Press, speaking of the incident, says:

"The President to-day shook hands and talked with Sergt. E. Hawkins of the United States army, the finest marksman in the United States. Hawkins is a quartermaster sergeant in Company K, 24th Infantry, stationed at Fort Missoula, and he won the Sea Girt medal for the best individual marksmanship. He won the medal last year. Hawkins is a colored man, and was one of those who participated in the memorable charge up San Juan Hill five years ago. He and the President recalled some of the incidents of that day."

Sergt. Hawkins has a record that reads like romance. He was born about 34 years ago at Canton, Lewis county, Mo., of slave parents. Before joining the army in 1887 his occupation was that of a teamster and black-

smith. He received such education as could be obtained in the public schools of his native State, and like many a young patriotic Afro-American, when the Government called for troops, he made his way for St. Louis, Mo., where he enlisted. He is a very modest man, not given to talk, but when questioned as to how he began shooting, replied, "I had no particular reason for becoming a celebrated shot, but I made up my mind to do something in the world a little better than any body else." He was not in this company very long before he was promoted from one position to another until he became the quartermaster sergeant, which place he has held for many years.

He enlisted first in the 10th Cavalry, where he served with troop "I" for five years and then re-enlisted in the 24th Infantry, where he still

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The Maryland Campaign.

Registration Shows Republican Gains in Every County of the State.—A Big Appropriation for the Reform School, at Cheltenham.—Bishop Handy Honored.—Death of an Able and Well Known Race Leader.—Oriole City Notes.

BALTIMORE, Md., Special.—The Republican candidates for Governor, comptroller and attorney-general were formally notified of the nomination at the Republican headquarters on Tuesday last at noon. Senator Louis Putzel formally notified Hon. Stevenson A. Williams, the nominee for Governor. Senator McCulloch of Cecil county notified George A. Whitelock, Esq., nominee for attorney-general. The president of the committee was Mr. Thomas McComas, of Washington county, brother of Senator L. E. McComas. The committee consisted of one from each county and one from each Legislative district of Baltimore City. Ex-Councilman Harry S. Cummings, who represented the Fourth Legislative District, was the colored representative on the committee. Hon. Stevenson A. Williams made a ringing speech in accepting the nomination.

Work on registration is being pushed with great vigor. Prizes of from \$5 to \$20 in gold are being offered for those producing the best results in their precincts. At the last sitting of the register two of the four prizes went to the Seventeenth ward and to two colored persons—Aaron M. Cummings won the second prize of \$15 in gold and J. E. G. Webb won the fourth prize of \$5 in gold.

The Cheltenham House of Reformation for colored boys was appropriated \$15,000 by the board of estimates of the city this week. This assures better facilities and better results from this institution. Gen. Thomas J. Schryock, one of the wealthiest business men of the city, is president of the board, which also contains two colored members, Rev. George F. Bragg, Jr., pastor of St. James Church, and Hon. Harry S. Cummings, who is a director on the part of the mayor and city council of Baltimore.

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